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CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

November 19, 2009

Beginning at 7:30 p.m.

City Hall, Rm 209

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- 1. CSX Vegetation Management Plan RDA** – ROW spraying of herbicides in riverfront and buffer to bank of the Charles River, in bordering vegetated wetlands, and possibly floodzone, and in an area proximal to a public drinking water supply.
- 2. Rte 9 Resurfacing – RDA (prior RDA expired) – MA Hwy.** Previous RDA for same work expires in Dec. '09.
- 3. 34 Farwell Street – Violation** – Received complaint; Assessor's check found new house and storage sheds since 2000/2001 with no permits. Buildings are in riverfront and partly on DCR property.
- 4. 54 Marla Cir., 44 Marla Cir., & 47 Grace Rd. – RDA** for plantings in the 200 ft riverfront, the 100 ft buffer to bank, and partially in flood zone.
- 5. 134 Vine St., RDA** – for plantings and alteration of vegetation in the 100 ft buffer to bordering vegetated wetland.
- 6. 24 Warren St. – Utility Line easement discussion**– An OOC was issued allowing the owner to remove utility poles and place electric & telephone lines underground on owner's property (or) in existing easement. Applicant proposes new easement that follows 'paper road' and path for Elgin Street.
- 7. Charles River Lower Falls Bridge (P40) – NOI** -Bridge conversion to pedestrian use & path construction –DCR proposes to convert rail bed/trestle bridge over the Charles to pedestrian use and construct ~ 300 ft of stone dust pathway, ~200 ft of which will be in riverfront.

Violations --Updates:

35 Kingswood Road – alteration of bank of Charles – restoration area planted with 20 new lowbush blueberry bushes. Will re-check spring of 2009;

15 Harwich Rd –Violation –Have asked DEP to assist. In a recent e-mail exchange, DEP analyst informed me she has not had time to pursue this violation;

Certificates of Compliance

229 Winchester – As-built and certification letter received.

214 Concord Street - As-built and certification letter received. Some changes, but increase in work area offset by removal of asphalt at side of house.

Announcements & General Business:

Management Plan – Next meeting

Open Space Plan – considerations and member to work on committee and with Conservators?

October 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes for approval

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Outstanding issues – discussion

Rules/policy/procedure for Alternate members (?)

Performance Bonds (?) – in light of last MACC newsletter article

Non-criminal ticketing – update — Q: Does the Commission wish to ticket under the Watershed/Flood Zone only?

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